## Mayor's Message

## August 2008

How does it make you feel when someone asks for your opinion on a problem or situation? I really like it when my children ask me for advice. When they have a successful outcome from following my counsel, it is especially rewarding for all of us.

What does asking for advice have to do with you, as a resident of our City? I would like to ask your opinion on how you think your City is doing and receive your advice on how we can improve. As part of my "State of the City" address in January, I suggested that a survey be conducted to help me understand your desires for your hometown. The Council agreed with this initiative and funding is in place to conduct a survey.

We are contracting with Dan Jones and Associates to contact random residents to find out what is on your minds. In the next few weeks, some of you will be contacted and given the opportunity to participate. I hope you will be thinking about our City and what you would like to share. While it will take a few minutes of your valuable time, you will be providing a great service to me and your fellow citizens.

This will be used as a baseline survey and I hope future surveys will be conducted in the future to measure progress. Thank you for your willingness to share your thoughts and opinions. I am looking forward to learning from them and will work to act upon your suggestions.